

REMARKS

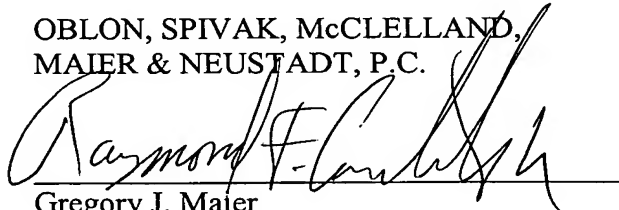
Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-13, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25, and 27-32 have been amended to more appropriately reflect accepted U.S. claim practice by eliminating possible antecedent basis problems as well as idiomatic and typographical errors.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments and that the presently proposed corrections are clearly formal matters requiring no further search or other considerations on the merits.

As no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believes that any further action is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below-noted telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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